



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	Juvenile Justice & Cross-System Youth Task Force		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	April 29, 2022	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Nick Ackerman	<b>Location:</b>	Held Virtually via Zoom

## 1. Meeting Objective(s)

Receive sub-committee reports and an update from the Executive Director. Determine if any sub-committees are prepared to present at the next Commission meeting.

## 2. Standing Members

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education	X
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction	X
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2	
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair – Monroe County Circuit Court #7	X
Kory George	Wayne County Probation	X
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X
Mike Gray	Madison County Probation Department	
JauNae Hanger	Children’s Policy and Law Initiative	
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X
Heather Mollo	Jurist in Residence	
Angela Reid-Brown	Indiana Office of Court Services	X
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	
Don Travis	Indiana Department of Child Services	X
Nancy Wever	Co-Chair – Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana	X
Joel Weineke	Indiana Public Defender Council	

## 3. Staff/Guests

Name	Organization
Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Juvenile Probation
Hon. Holly Harvey	Monroe Circuit Court
Megan Horton	Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
Nick Ackerman	Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
Rachel Roman-Lagunas	Child Advocates
Jeermal Sylvester	Employ Indy
Ashley Emmitt	Clark County



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Sandy Runkle	Prevent Child Abuse Indiana/The Villages		
<b>4. Updates/Old Business</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main Points</b>	<b>(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions</b>	
Adoption of previous meeting minutes	Does the Task Force adopt the meeting minutes from 3.4.22 as proposed?	With no corrections or objections from the group, the previous meeting minutes are accepted.	



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## 5. New Business/Presentations

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<p>Role of Task Force moving forward with upcoming implementation of HEA 1359</p>	<p>Nancy Wever, Judge Galvin and Julie Whitman are in discussions about how to move this Task Force forward with the pending work and legislation on HEA 1359. As of right now, they don't have an answer to this question due to now knowing exactly what the oversight body will look like.</p> <p>Julie states she believes Justice David will chair this body, although she is not 100% sure on that yet. Julie feels confident there will be workgroups formed to tackle different tasks laid out in statute. Julie will make recommendations to the chair of the oversight body for appointments to these workgroups. Julie notes there are multiple workgroups that align with committee already formed in this Task Force. Most of the members of this Task Force are in Julie's plan for workgroups on 1359, however she notes if any members have particular interest in a specific workgroup, please reach out to her and she will add you to the list. Reminder that these "lists" are just recommendations to the chair of the oversight body. Julie reports the oversight body must meet by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Her suggestion will be that all of the workgroups kickoff their work in July. Most work from the committees will be on a year timeline, however some tasks will have 6 month deadlines.</p> <p>Julie notes there a couple of subcommittees that are not named in 1359 (Violence subcommittee for example) that should keep going with their work until they have fulfilled their Children's Commission strategic plan task.</p> <p>Judge Galvin suggests moving forward with the July meeting. This Task Force will then have a better idea of how the 1359 oversight body will be structured. Judge Galvin notes if Justice David does in fact chair this process, he will push those workgroups for results, and that will create significant work for members of this Task Force and others on those workgroups.</p>	<p>Go ahead with July meeting with the following main goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reassess Task Force' role with more information on HEA 1359</li> <li>2. Give feedback to the Preventing Serious and Violent Delinquent Behavior Committee on their presentation of programs</li> <li>3. Obtain update from the Child and Adolescent Development Committee</li> </ol>



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Executive Director Update	<p>Julie gives update on last week’s Commission meeting. In addition to Tracy and Megan’s presentation, the Commission looked at how far they have gotten on their current strategic plan. They are currently engaged in an evaluation process in which they are thinking about what they are trying to impact, and evaluating what they are doing to get there. The Commission wants to systematize their process for what happens after recommendations are made to the Commission; what was implemented as a result of that presentation? Why was nothing implemented as a result of that presentation? Is that documented? Etc.</p> <p>Kate Shadle (sp?) from the Department of Health is scheduled to present the latest youth risk behavior survey data in June. This is an anonymous survey of high school kids. This will be the first time in several years that the response rate has been high enough to permit data to be used. The data around youth mental health is disturbing. Julie notes this is a topic in 1359 work. The Department of Health and DMHA are working on putting together an advisory group.</p>		



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## 6. Sub-Committee Reports

Topic	Report
Dual Status Implementation Committee	Judge Mollo was not in attendance. Angela Reid-Brown reports she has not had an opportunity to reach out to Judge Mollo for updates.
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Committee	Judge Harvey delivered the committee's update. Judge Harvey and Lisa Thompson will be presenting the screener tool at the upcoming Justice Services Conference. Judge Harvey reports they have recently updated the directions for administering the tool. There will be no more changes between now and when the tool is rolled out. They have created quick reference cards to give to law enforcement and healthcare officials.
Alternatives to Detention Committee	Nancy reported the ATD subcommittee is currently inactive. Nancy did hear from Mike Gray, and he continues to be in contact with DCS about giving probation officers access to the SharePoint site. This is an agenda item Mike continues to check-in on.
Diversion Subcommittee	Tracy Fitz stated that the presentation to the Children's Commission went well. The group is just waiting for orders on where to go from here.
Preventing Serious and Violent Delinquent Behavior Committee	Bob Bragg presented the committee's update. The Committee reviewed 22 programs for reducing youth violence. Bob notes that all of these programs have been reviewed by independent agencies and have been labeled effective or promising. The Committee's next meeting is in May, and they hope to bring together the research on all 22 programs that were evaluated. The Committee will then select one or multiple programs they feel would be a good fit for Indiana communities and present those recommendations to the Task Force. Bob anticipates being ready to present to the Commission in August, giving the Committee time to get feedback from this Task Force.
Youth and Family Engagement Committee	Both Coleen and Rebecca absent from today's meeting. Judge Galvin notes that this is a committee that finds itself in a similar position as others in that they are waiting to hear where to go from here with HEA 1359 right around the corner.
Reintegration Committee	Terrie Decker reports there are no new updates from this committee.
Child and Adolescent Development Committee	Judge Galvin reported that he received an email from JauNae Hanger stating that she would not be able to attend. Sandy Runkle reports that there are no new updates, but the committee does still plan to meet.

## 7. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
N/A	N/A	N/A

## 8. Adjournment

Action	Time
Meeting Adjourned	N/A

## 9. Next Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	7/15/22	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Location:</b>	Held Virtually
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<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>	Presentation by violence sub-committee in preparation for presentation to CISC; update from adolescent development sub-committee.		